The value of the above items of machinery and other items of machinery and equipment is estimated at Rs. 57.56 crores.

(2) *Raw materialss*

Item	Qty. per annum lakh tonnes	Approx. value per annum (Rs. lakhs)
Bamboo.	2.25	1350.00
Coal	2.15	1397.50
Lime	0.55	522.50
Common Salt	0.30	210.00
Other Chemicals (Salt cake, Rosin, Alum, Starch, Filler (China Clay), Barium Carbonate, Soda Ash etc.) . . .	0.33	1200.80

(c) The machineries required for the project have been procured and are being erecte^ as per phased erection programme.

Special Region Districts

2230. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether creation of a new category of special regions districts has been decided upon for giving priority in the matter of location of industries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

'(c) what are the names of such regions in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) (a) and (b) In the revised Incentive Scheme for development of backward areas effective from 1-4-83 a number of special region districts have been included in Category 'A'. The details are available in the Booklet on 'Incentives for Industries in Backward Areas' read with Press Note No. 14/2/83-DBA. I dated 9-4-85 copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c)i The names of Special Region districts in Uttar Pradesh are as follows;

1. Almora 2. Pithoragarh 3. Dehradun 4. Nainital Chamoli, Pauri Garhwal, Tehri Garhwal, Uttar Kashi, Kanpur Dehat, Sultanpur, Jaunpur, Jalaun, Hamirpur, Fatehpur and Banda are No Industry Districts.

Connections of Parle Group of Companies in the Formation of M/s. parl$_e$ (Singapore) Pvt. Ltd.

2231. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directors of Parle Group of Companies or their relati ves have .any link or connection in th$_e$ formation of the company M/s. Parle (Singapore) Private Limited;

(b) whether any permission has been obtained from the Government for formation of this company and what investment has been made in terms of foreign exchange;